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date. Apply at this office.

The heavy expenses entailed upon the
City in supporting the Fire Department, has
for some time past been dwelt upon and dis-
cussed by the Journals of the day, and gross
misstatements have been made, when treat-
ing of the subject, which have had the effect of
placing the Department in an unfavorable
position. More than three quarters of all
that is said and done in connection with the
Fire Department, is founded upon that great
elevator of some men's aspirations "Bun-
combe". If all the outlay which has been
set down to the debit of the Fire Depart-
ment was really expended and appropriated
for that branch of the civil government, every
engine in the Department could run with
gold hubs to the wheels, and the "tormentors"
of each hook and ladder truck could be set
with brilliants. In times gone by, appropri-
ations on top of appropriations were passed
ostensibly for the support of the Fire De-
partment, not one dollar of which was ever
expended for that purpose—we have the doc-
uments in our possession to substantiate our
statement, to which at the proper time we
shall give publicity. Cisterns have been con-
structed of a certain size, and the builders
have had inducements held out to them to
return them in at a different size, larger than
they were constructed, so that bills could be
made out that they held so much more water
than they in reality did, and were larger than
they in reality were. Bills for constructing
such cisterns, were passed without the approv-
al of the Chief Engineer—paid—charged to
the Fire Department, the members of which
were compelled to bear the odium. Every
request that is made of the proper authori-
ties for the necessary requirements of the
Department, goes in, the size of a mole hill,
and comes out most mysteriously in the di-
mensions of a mountain. Trifling as the re-
pair may be, which requires official sanction
before it can be executed, it is made the sub-
ject of so much comment, that the mass of
the citizens are impressed with the belief
that the Department is drawing thousands
from its already depleted treasury, instead of
this important branch of public service. This
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In the Bill which passed the Assembly on Monday,
amending the State Law governing the Fire
Department, the obnoxious amendment of which
the above treatise was not inserted. In our opinion
it is just as well that the result has trans-
pired as it has. The bearing of that amendment
upon the welfare of the Department, we are assured,
would affect the membership of at least two hundred firemen, who for years have
done active duty in the Department, which
when the sworn returns of the position of each
company were sent in, would entirely throw
them out of the organization. It must therefore
be gratifying even to those who voted for the
measure, that the amendment was not passed, for
it must be conceded that the proper and just con-
sideration of a question so momentous to the
welfare of the Department, and of so great interest
to those who would come under its consumption,
is worthy of just such an honor of being Chief
Engineers of the New York Fire Department.

H. A. Cobb.—The resignation of H. A. Cobb,
as the Foreman of Lafayette Co. has not been ac-
cepted, for the present at any rate. It would be
suicidal on the part of that company to allow
Mr. C. to retire from the position of Chief officer.
Without being invidious, we are confident that
there is no man in the company more fitted in every
particular for that station, or one who will battle for
their interest and prosperity, with the same zeal
and tenacity as he does. We have never inter-
fered with the local affairs of any company, neither shall we now, but we are well assured that
they will be well served by their efficiency and conduct prove themselves
most entitled to them."

The *Mercury* states in conclusion, that the
candidate has been a fireman for twelve years,
well known to the Department, is thirty-three
years of age, and is in possession of an ample
fortune. His remaining *incog* as a master of
the common council, for the reason that he rec-
ognised the loss of the original one, when Mr.
McKibbin was called upon to pay over, new
bonds had not been filed as approved by the Com-
mon Council, and the City Treasurer would have
been liable himself for any amount paid out until
the renewed bonds were approved. In acting
in a careful and proper way, Mr. McKibbin has
been assailed in the most vindictive manner, his
integrity and honor, questioned by those, who
were they to live a thousand years, would not
possess as much sincere honesty in their whole
composition as is contained in the smallest por-
tion of his body. When Wm. McKibbin does a
dishonest act, it will be soon bankrupt and dishonest
bankers pay back to the widows and orphans
voluntarily, that which they deprived them of by false pretenses.

WALTER & TOMPSON.—By the late arrivals,
Messrs. Walter & Tompkins, No. 170 Montgomery
street, have received a new and splendid ad-
dition to their already elegant stock of clothing,
fitter and more neatly made than any yet receiv-
ed in this metropolis, altho' it is a bad precedent
to establish "that dress makes the man" it can-
not be denied that in the abstract, it goes a
great way towards securing ones success and fa-
vor. Therefore, those who desire to attain such
indispensable requisites, should visit Walter &
Tompkins, Fire, Military companies and individ-
uals desiring uniforms or clothing from the
States, can by leaving their measure with W. &
T. procure the same within sixty days after
leaving their orders.

PROPER.—The Board of Delegates of the Sac-
ramento Fire Department, at a meeting held on
Wednesday evening, passed a resolution conser-
ning Capt. W. M. Marion, as a member of the
Fire Department, for the misrepresentations he
had made to procure signatures to a petition ask-
ing the Governor to veto the act recently passed
by the Senate and Assembly, giving the Fire
Department of the city a new Constitution. If
such is the interest Capt. Marion takes in the De-
partment to which he is attached, his resigna-
tion given as upon the above occasion—we ex-
press our warmest thanks.

COWING'S CONTRACT.—An injunction has been issued out of Judge
Shattock's Court to restrain Captain Cowing, from fulfilling his former contract, on the grounds
that there was collusion in the bidding and making the award. We don't believe a
word of it. We have an excellent cause for dis-
believing it and that is that Capt. Cowing had the
contract last year, and fulfilled its requirements
with a fidelity and honesty of purpose, which in
our experience never before characterized any
city contract. The firemen, the only parties
that are really interested in the former
contract, and have always been, are now
loud in their praises of Captain Cowing, who
never permitted their efficiency to be endangered
for a moment. At every fire of any importance,
for nearly eighteen months, the moment the
engines commenced to draw water, that moment
the teams of Capt. Cowing were on hand to
place the water end. It appears to us, that
Judge Shattock should have been morally
convinced that there was fraud in the award of the
contract to Capt. Cowing, before he issued the in-
junction putting an end to all further repairs and
filling of the cisterns. Judge Shattock is as
well aware as we are, that the money can
not draw as fast as water, and that the former
and latter will be in competition, so that
the former will be required to wait for the
latter to be filled.

ROTATION IN OFFICE.—The New York
Masonry is opposed to rotation in office in the Fire
Department, but thinks when an honest, capable
and fit man is in position, he should be ousted
to give way to the next, judicious and aspirational
of the clique which may be in existence.

MANHATTAN.—The benefit given to Man-
hattan on Saturday evening last, netted about
six hundred and fifty dollars. The silver cup
for the best runner was won by Hugh McGraway,
a member of Manhattan Hose.

WORK.—The statement in the *Star*, that the
first of the coming month, the expenses of G.
H. Wins & Co. and Langton & Co. will be
drawn from the Sacramento stores, in which case
the competition then would be solely between
the Pacific Express and Wells Fargo & Co.

ON THE STARS.—The new Sacramento
newspaper, the *Star*, has been well received in
the city, and is being read by many.

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From *Le Messager*, Monday, March 23.

We regret to learn through the *Fireman's Journal*,
that an amendment to the Fire Department
regulations, proposed by Mr. Hoff, affects that
all the members of that corporation shall be
American citizens. Mr. Cobb complains with
reason in a letter addressed to the *Journal*, that
the *Journal* of the *Fireman's Journal* excludes a large
portion of the *Lafayette* Company from the Depart-
ment.

The *Fireman's Journal* answers that Mr. Hoff's
amendment was adopted upon his suggestion,
that it could do no damage to the *Lafayette* Co.

(Then follows a translation of the major portion
of our editorial remarks of last Saturday.) We
give these details to cause the sentiments of
some persons to reflect on our brave firemen
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